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Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" May I know whether a woman doctor attends upon these women patients as it is done in other countries ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" A special department for the treatment of venereal diseases has been started."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether he would consider the desirability of having a lady doctor in charge of women patients ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" That is one of the important things which we will consider."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is prepared to verify the statement by the appointment of a committee of one or two men to enquire into the affairs of the General Hospital instead of taking the statement of the officers of the General Hospital as true ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" If the hon. Member takes the responsibility of putting it in writing, I will appoint a committee."

Drinking water well in the Sanda, hamlet of Chikkalakshmipuram, Harpanahalli taluk.

*250 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any drinking water well in the Sanda, hamlet of Chikkalakshmipuram included in the main village of Hire Myagalagiri, Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district ; and

(b) if not, what distance the people of the hamlet have now to go to fetch their drinking water ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether the information has been called for ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not think it necessary to call for the information."

Prevalence of malaria in South Kanara, Malabar, etc.

*251 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 1765, answered on 16th March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received a report of the Special Malaria Officer as to the prevalence of malaria in South Kanara, Malabar, the Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Salem districts ;

(b) if so, to what causes he attributes the spread of malaria ;

(c) whether he attributes it partly or wholly to the growth of forests ;

(d) what remedies he proposes for checking the spread ; and

(e) what action Government have taken on the report ?

A.—(a) The Government received reports of malarial surveys by the Special Malaria Officer of the following places in the districts of the Nilgiris, Malabar, South Kanara and Coimbatore :—

The Nilgiris ... Ootacamund and Coonoor municipalities.